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SUBJECT: THEMES FOR 1979 ECONOMIC COLLOQUIUM

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1. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF 1979 NATO COLLOQUIUM
AT JUNE 22 ECONADS MEETING, ACTING CHAIRMAN JOSEPH
EXPLAINED THAT THE LDC-RELATED POINT OF TOPIC 10
WAS AN ANALYSIS OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND
STRATEGIC BALANCE OF ADVANTAGE FOR THE SOVIETS IN
COMMITTING RESOURCES TO THE DEVELOPMENT (AND CONSEQUENT
DEPLETION) OF MINERAL DEPOSITS (OTHER THAN HYDROCARBONS)
IN SIBERIA, OR IN SAVING (OR DEFERRING) INVESTMENT THERE
AND PURCHASING RAW MATERIALS FROM LDCE WITH SIMILAR,
PERHAPS MORE ACCESSABLE, DEPOSITS. HE ACCEPTED OUR
POINT, HOWEVER, ON RETITLING THE TOPIC.

2. AFTER THANKING US FOR THE US LIST OF PROSPECTIVE
PARTICIPANTS, JOSEPH URGED THAT MEMBER NATIONS INCLUDE
AMONG THEIR SUGGESTIONS INDUSTRIALISTS, FINANCIERS,
OR OTHER BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH
SIBERIAN VENTURES OR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES
IN AREAS WITH ANALOGUS CLIMATIC CONDITIONS(E.G. NORTHERN
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CANADA OR ALASKA). WE SECOND THIS REQUEST.

3. NATURALLY, THE CHOICE OF THOSE ACTUALLY INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE AS RAPORTEURS OR COMMENTATORS LIES WITH
THE DIRECTORATE, BUT SHOULD SMITH OR LEE BE
SELECTED, HOW SHOULD THEY BE DESCRIBED IN UNCLASSIFIED
COLLOQUIUM DOCUMENTATION?

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO PARAS 2 AND 4. GLITMAN

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